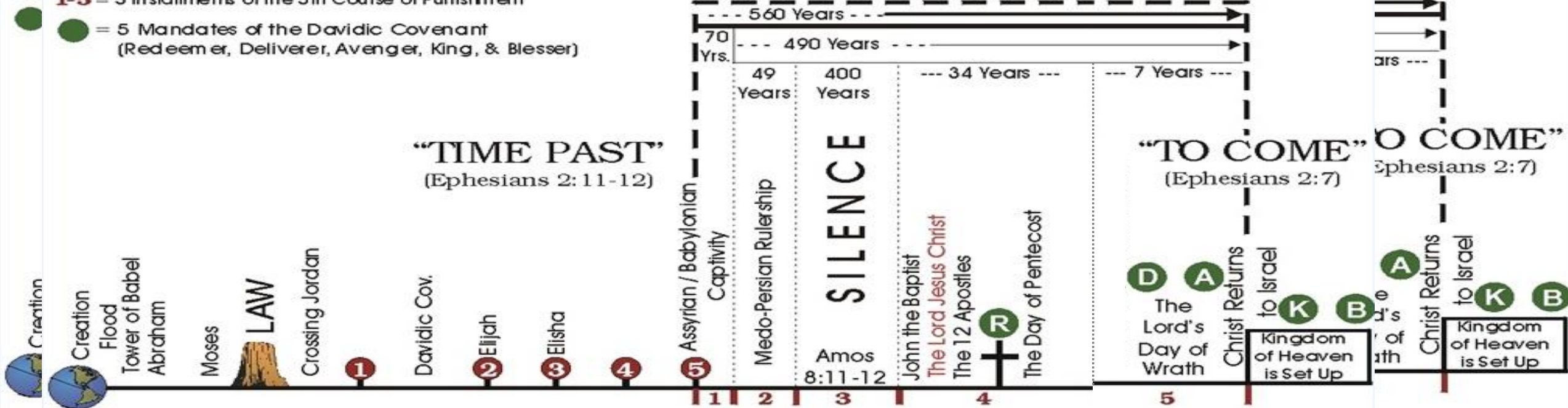


# Genuine Agape Love (Pt. 1)

Rom. 12:9-21

- = 5 Courses of Punishment (Lev. 26)
- 1-5 = 5 Installments of the 5th Course of Punishment
- = 5 Mandates of the Davidic Covenant (Redeemer, Deliverer, Avenger, King, & Blessor)

*TIMES OF THE GENTILES*



ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"  
 THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.						

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1. Many commentators find this list to be very odd. Paul uses lists elsewhere but they are usually more coherent and carry a common theme. Here, however, Paul seems to be all over the place.
  - a. In light of the context of the many spiritual gifts in relationship to the ONE spiritual gift of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth, I suggest that this list is a compilation of the things that the Holy Spirit told the Romans through the many spiritual gifts, which Paul takes and permanently records in His Scriptures.
  - b. Point being is that they don't need to go back to the Spirit's many spiritual gifts for revelation. They just need to go to the Spirit's one spiritual gift of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth as recorded in Paul's Scriptures.

2. In the rest of Rom. 12, Paul shows how this works. He will show them how his Scriptures were to displace the spiritual gifts:
  - a. Exhortation—vv. 9-21 Beginning with Love, Paul shows the Romans how to exhort one another with no fewer than 28 exhortations in only 13 verses.
  - b. Ministry/Teaching/Ruling—Beginning with Love, be not shrink away but is fervent, serving the Lord (v. 11), etc... rejoice, be patient, instant in prayer (v. 12)
  - c. Giving—Beginning with Love, distribute to needs of saints, given to hospitality, etc... (v. 13).
  - d. Mercy—Beginning with Love, bless don't curse, have same mind (of Christ), don't avenge but bless, etc (vv. 14, 17-20).
  - e. Prophecy—because this revelation is available in the Scriptures, new revelations about these things are no longer needed

3. The GENUINE LOVE that Pauline Grace Mystery Truth produces does everything and more than those special temporary and partial spiritual gifts.

4. The Operating Principle of GENUINE LOVE:

We have focused on Phil. 2:1-8 but there are many other love passages that explain Pauline Grace Genuine (Agape) Love.

- a. Agape Love is not the divinization of human love. It is not the raising up of human lover to a higher plane. It originates in the Triune Godhead, was put on great display at the Cross of Christ and is given to believers to participate in, make use of and share with others by the Holy Spirit.
- b. This love is only something believers can share in.

## 5. Rom. 5:1: Motivating Principle of Genuine Love

- a. Justification is the consequence or blessing of the self-giving death of Christ (5:6-8). This love is FOR US—it is substitutionary.
- b. That death brought atonement and gives access into the presence and resources of God (5:2, 10-11).
- c. Past--That death was for ungodly sinners on enemy status before God and is inconceivable by the world's standards.
- d. Present--This creates a new relationship with God, self and others based on peace and reconciliation.
- e. Present--The Holy Spirit makes this love known to us by pouring it out in our hearts. It is the only thing believers have to boast about: Co-sharing in the unconditional love of God at the Cross of Christ.
- f. Future—Whatever happens in the present, Hope has the last word (5:2-4; 8:18; 31-39).

5. (con't) Rom. 5:1-11: Motivating Principle of Genuine Love

- a. Genuine Love is based on our security in Christ so that we can respond extravagantly with wild abandon in extending it to others: Out of love, Christ brought us into a permanent right standing before God through which the Spirit makes us aware of His Love through the Pauline Scripture's proclamation of the Cross, that cannot be overcome by anything. We will never be separated from Genuine Love.
- b. We live out this Genuine Justification Love when we extend that Love to others, especially our enemies, bringing about peace and reconciliation, beginning with fellow believers in the Body of Christ and extending out to the lost world.. Thinking in this way is the only thing that can maintain unity among believers.

## 6. Eph. 2:1-10: The Extravagance of Genuine Love

- a. Love loves the unlovely (2:1-3) living under the power of the course of this world and the prince of the air on the outside and selfish, fleshly lusts on the inside.
- b. Neither human reason nor the Law can overcome these powers—only the love of God at the Cross of Christ can (Gal. 2:20-21; 5:16, 24)
- c. That Love is a GREAT (IMMEASURABLE) LOVE (2:4)—God's redemption of the unlovely through the death of Christ—RICH in mercy and grace (2:4-5).
- d. This love unites us together with Christ in His resurrection, ascension and seating in highest of Heights—above all powers in the heavenly places (1:20-23; 2:5-7)



## 6. (con't) Eph. 2:1-10: The Extravagance of Genuine Love

- e. Genuine Love while securely seated in the Heavens together with Christ serves God by serving others on this sin-cursed earth ruled by death, God doing His work of bringing life and righteousness in and through us, offering reconciliation to sinners—His poem, His work of art (2:10; 5:1-2; 1 Cor. 16:14).
- f. The essential ingredient for unity in Christ is Genuine Love (Eph. 3:16-19; 4:1-3, 15-16; 6:23-24). Love is the ground believers are rooted in and grow, the foundation on which they are built and the atmosphere they breathe. Not just an aspect of “Christian” character but the whole Christian existence.